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### **Construction to Begin on 279<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) –In September, structural damage forced Sedgwick County to close the bridge over the Big Arkansas River on 279<sup>th</sup> street. Construction on this bridge is now set to begin in November. If the weather cooperates, the project should be complete within 30 days.

This bridge was planned in next year's Sedgwick County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for rehabilitation, but because structural damage caused the bridge to become unsafe, construction was moved up. Heavy loads may have contributed to the cause of damage.

"We have put this project on the fast track," said Sedgwick County Commissioner Tom Winters. "We realize that this is an inconvenience for the residents in this area. We are doing everything possible to make sure they are impacted as little as possible."

Detour signage has been posted. Suggested detours for traffic are as follows: From the North: take 117<sup>th</sup> street to 151<sup>st</sup> street West (also known as Bentley Road) to K-96 and back to 279<sup>th</sup> street. From the South: take K-96 to 151<sup>st</sup> street (also known as Bentley Road) to 117<sup>th</sup> street.

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